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SEPARATING EXCAVATED MATERIAL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Commissioner:

Please enter the following amendments prior to examining the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.